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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 10, 12, 22, 24 and 25 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, line 2, the word “a” in front of the terms “peripheral device” and “host device” should be correct to -- the -- for clarity.

In regard to claim 10, a space is needed in front of the word “wherein” in line 1 for clarity. Similar problem exists in claim 22, where a space is needed in front of the word “wherein” in line 1 for clarity.

Regarding claim 12, lines 2 and 3, the word “a” in front of the terms “timeout” and “stall signal” should be correct to -- the -- for clarity. Also, a space is needed in front of the word “wherein” in line 1 for clarity.

Regarding claim 24, lines 2 and 3, the word “a” in front of the terms “timeout” and “stall signal” should be correct to -- the -- for clarity. Also, a space is needed in front of the word “wherein” in line 1 for clarity.

Regarding claim 25, line 3, the word “a” in front of the term “host device” should be correct to -- the -- for clarity.

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-3, 5, 13-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Trost et al.** (U.S.2002/0151275).

- In regard to claims 1 and 13, **Trost** discloses in Figs. 1-16 and in the respective portions of the specification about the system and method for assembling and managing communication packet and transmission in the wireless communication system, e.g. 'Bluetooth networks' (For example see Figs. 1; page 1, para [0004]; page 2, para [0040]), between Bluetooth devices (For example see Figs. 1; page 2, para [0041]) by using Bluetooth radio frequency 'RF' connections. **Trost** also discloses about the input from the Bluetooth device, such as the keyboard ("*peripheral device to encode data*"; For example see Fig. 1), would be converted into L2CAP, HCI and USB packets ("*encoding data into USB packet*"; For example see Figs. 1, 8; pages 4-5, paras [0070-0071]) and would then be formed into the over-the-air packets for transmitting through the transceiver ("*encoding USB packet into Bluetooth packet*" ; For example see Fig. 13; page 6, paras [0086-0087]) to/from the Bluetooth host, such as the personal computer ("*host device*"; For example see Fig. 1, 2A-C) for reassembling into USB packets ("*encoding/decoding into USB/Bluetooth packets*"; For example see Figs. 15-16; page 7, paras [0089-0091]).

- Regarding claims 2 and 14, **Trost** also teaches about the method for adding header in the L2CAP/HCI transport layer ("*transaction header*") to form the over-the-air packets, e.g. Bluetooth packets, for transmitting (For example see Figs. 13-14; pages 6-7, paras [0087-0088]).

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- In regard to claims 3 and 15, **Trost** further teaches about the Bluetooth devices ("*HID*"; For example the keyboard communicates with the computer through its Bluetooth transceiver) in the Bluetooth environment (For example see Fig. 1; page 2, para [0041]).

- Regarding claims 5 and 17, **Trost** also teaches about the channel ID in the L2CAP packets ("*channel identifier*"; For example see Fig. 13; page 6, para [0086]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4, 6-12, 16 and 18-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Trost et al.** (U.S.2002/0151275).

- In regard to claims 4 and 16, **Trost** discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention as discussed in part 3 above of this Office action, including the system and method for assembling and managing communication packet and transmission in the wireless communication system, e.g. 'Bluetooth networks', between Bluetooth devices ("*HID*") by using Bluetooth radio frequency. Though, **Trost** does disclose about the USB layer and packets [For

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example see pages 4-5, paras [0070-0071]), but not explicitly disclose about “*HID protocol*” as the type of protocol for USB protocol (which is defined in USB Rev. 1.1 and HID Version 1.1 of USB Implementors Forum, inc. and Standard Group); therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use the “*HID protocol*” as the specific type of protocol for USB protocol as the matter of choices, which depends on the systems and engineering choices.

- Regarding claims 6-10 and 18-22, **Trost** also discloses about the fragment for each connection via the L2CAP layer into segments and reassembling the USB packets into the HCI and over-the-air packets (“*baseband packets*”), e.g. Bluetooth packets (disclosed in the claimed inventions 6-7 and 18-19; For example see Figs. 13-14, 27; page 6, para [0086-0087], page 7, para [0090]); for transmitting between the Bluetooth devices (“*transmission from host to HID devices, and vice versa*”; For example see Fig. 1) as disclosed in the claimed inventions 10 and 22; wherein the size of the transmission packets are based on the Bluetooth packets types and length for segmenting and transmitting over the air (“*information in the L2CAP packet and the maximum transmission unit*”; For example see page 7, para [0092]; page 9, para [0116]; page 10, para [0133]; as disclosed in the claimed inventions 8-9 and 20-21). Though, **Trost** does not explicitly disclose about “*SAR*”; but does disclose about the fragment for segmenting/reassembling packets via the segmenter of the L2CAP layer [For example see Figs. 13-14).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the “*SAR module*” into the **Trost**’s fragment of the

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L2CAP layer for segmenting and reassembling packets, as the specific module for segmentation and reassembly capabilities.

- In regard to claims 11-12 and 23-24, **Trost** further discloses about the receiving transmission data packet of the slave device, which based on the clock timing and address for each slave device ("*capable of recognizing data signal*"; For example see page 3, paras [0054-0059]; and about the ACK/NACK indicator in the ARQN bit in the Bluetooth packet header ("*capable of recognizing acknowledge/non- acknowledge signal*"; For example see page 4, paras [0060]; page 7, para [0092]).

- Regarding claim 25, **Trost** discloses in Figs. 1-16 and in the respective portions of the specification about the system and method for assembling and managing communication packet and transmission in the wireless communication system, e.g. 'Bluetooth networks' (For example see Figs. 1; page 1, para [0004]; page 2, para [0040]), between Bluetooth devices (For example see Figs. 1; page 2, para [0041]) by using Bluetooth radio frequency 'RF' connections. **Trost** also discloses about the input from the Bluetooth device, such as the keyboard ("*peripheral device to encode data*"; For example see Fig. 1), would be converted into L2CAP, HCI and USB packets ("*encoding data into USB packet*"; For example see Figs. 1, 8; pages 4-5, paras [0070-0071]) and would then be formed into the over-the-air packets for transmitting through the transceiver ("*encoding USB packet into Bluetooth packet*" ; For example see Fig. 13; page 6, paras [0086-0087]) to/from the Bluetooth host, such as the personal computer ("*host device*"; For example see Fig. 1, 2A-C) for reassembling into USB packets ("*encoding/decoding into*

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USB/Bluetooth packets"; For example see Figs. 15-16; page 7, paras [0089-0091]. **Trost** also teaches about the method for adding header in the L2CAP/HCI transport layer ("*transaction header*") to form the over-the-air packets, e.g. Bluetooth packets, for transmitting (For example see Figs. 13-14; pages 6-7, paras [0087-0088]), about the channel ID in the L2CAP packets ("*channel identifier*"; For example see Fig. 13; page 6, para [0086]), and about the fragment for each connection via the L2CAP layer into segments and reassembling the USB packets into the HCI and over-the-air packets ("*baseband packets*"), e.g. Bluetooth packets (disclosed in the claimed inventions 6-7 and 18-19; For example see Figs. 13-14, 27; page 6, para [0086-0087], page 7, para [0090]); for transmitting between the Bluetooth devices ("*transmission from host to HID devices, and vice versa*"; For example see Fig. 1) as disclosed in the claimed inventions 10 and 22; wherein the size of the transmission packets ("*packet size*") are based on the Bluetooth packets types and length for segmenting and transmitting over the air ("*information in the L2CAP packet and the maximum transmission unit*"; For example see page 7, para [0092]; page 9, para [0116]; page 10, para [0133]; as disclosed in the claimed inventions 8-9 and 20-21). Though, **Trost** does disclose about the USB layer and packets [For example see pages 4-5, paras [0070-0071]], but not explicitly disclose about "*HID protocol*" as the type of protocol for USB protocol (which is defined in USB Rev. 1.1 and HID Version 1.1 of USB Implementors Forum, inc. and Standard Group); therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use the "*HID protocol*" as the specific type of protocol for USB protocol as the matter of choices, which depends on the systems and engineering choices. **Trost** does not explicitly disclose about "*SAR*"; but does disclose about the

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fragment for segmenting/reassembling packets via the segmenter of the L2CAP layer [For example see Figs. 13-14).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the “*SAR module*” into the **Trost**’s fragment of the L2CAP layer for segmenting and reassembling packets, as the specific module for segmentation and reassembly capabilities.

- Regarding claims 26-27, **Trost** further discloses about the fragment for each connection via the L2CAP layer into segments and reassembling the USB packets into the HCI and over-the-air packets (“*baseband packets*”), e.g. Bluetooth packets (For example see Figs. 13-14, 27; page 6, para [0086-0087], page 7, para [0090]; as disclosed in the claimed inventions 26); for transmitting between the Bluetooth devices; wherein the size of the transmission packets (“*packet size*”) are based on the Bluetooth packets types and length for segmenting and transmitting over the air (“*information in the L2CAP packet and the maximum transmission unit*”; For example see page 7, para [0092]; page 9, para [0116]; page 10, para [0133]; as disclosed in the claimed invention 27). Though, **Trost** does not explicitly disclose about “*SAR*”; but does disclose about the fragment for segmenting/reassembling packets via the segmenter of the L2CAP layer [For example see Figs. 13-14).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the “*SAR module*” into the **Trost**’s fragment of the L2CAP layer for segmenting and reassembling packets, as the specific module for segmentation and reassembly capabilities.

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Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Milios et al. (U.S.6,687,774), **Lazzarotto et al.** (U.S.6,782,245) and **Green** (U.S.6,519,290) are all cited to show devices and methods for improving communication architectures between the wireless host and devices, which are considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri H. Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

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